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1) The amendment after final filed June 13, 2003 has been entered.

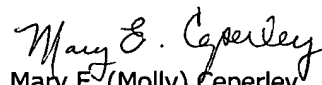
2) All claims are allowable in view of the arguments presented in the amendment filed June 13, 2003. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

3) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary E. (Molly) Ceperley whose telephone number is (703) 308-4239. The examiner can normally be reached from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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